

# Legislative Analysis

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## MERGE TWO DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTS

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**House Bill 4420**

**Sponsor: Rep. Bob Constan**

**Committee: Judiciary**

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4420 AS INTRODUCED 3-7-07

Currently, the twentieth judicial district consists of the City of Dearborn Heights, is a district of the third class, and has two judges. Garden City is also a district of the third class and has one judge.

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to allow the consolidation and merger of the 20<sup>th</sup> District Court and the 21<sup>st</sup> District Court if both cities approve the reformation of the 20<sup>th</sup> District and the abolition of the 21<sup>st</sup> District. The consolidation would be effective January 2, 2008.

The bill would also delete obsolete portions of several provisions.

MCL 600.8121

## FISCAL IMPACT:

While the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate at this time, the bill's provisions are expected to generate savings to the two local district courts through cost efficiencies from the consolidation of the two court districts. Expected savings that might be realized through the merger could include reduced court security expenses and a reduction from current staffing levels for court administration and probation.

Under current law, this bill would have no significant fiscal impact on the state of Michigan.

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